

I feel that Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I believe that it is only fair that if Sinclair goes with their action to air their anti-Kerry propaganda, then they should also air a documentary from the Kerry campaign for equal time.

What we are seeing is truly a frightening turn of events. The media, the only official political party, the government and the corporations have become so intertwined I feel like I'm living in the Soviet Union. And there is no watchdog or checks and balances to even the playing field.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.